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Ridgway on a Melanistic Phase of the Broad-winged Hawk.— Mr. Ridgway has recently described* "the melanistic plumage of *Buteo latissimus*," as exhibited in a specimen taken at Baxter, Iowa, by Mr. J. W. Preston. This is the only specimen thus far seen by Mr. Ridgway, but Mr. Preston reports having seen two others, one of which was nearly secured.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on the Species of the Genus Empidonax.—In the last number of 'The Ibis' (Oct., 1886), Mr. Ridgway has three papers on the *Empidonaces*. The first† describes a new species (*Empidonax salvini*) from Guatemala; the second‡ treats of the distinctness of *E. brunneus* Ridgw. from *Empidochanes furcatus* (Max.), the two species being found to be not only specifically but generically different, although some authorities have considered them identical. The third§ gives an elaborate synopsis of the species of the genus *Empidonax*, of which 15 species and 3 subspecies are recognized; and also diagnoses of the genera *Mitrephanes* and *Empidochanes*.—J. A. A.

Cory on Birds from several little-known Islands of the West Indies.—Mr. Cory having recently received collections of birds from several of the lesser known West Indian islands has given,‖ in the last number of 'The Ibis,' nominal lists of the material obtained, as follows: Barbadoes, 12 species; St. Vincent, 23 species; Marie Galante, 13 species; La Desirade, 11 species; Grand Terre, 15 species; also 10 species from Santa Lucia — J. A. A.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—The 'Forest and Stream,' Vols. XXIV and XXV, 1885, contains the following notes and papers (Nos. 1069-1126) :—

1069. *The Birds of Michigan.* By Dr. Morris Gibbs. *Forest and Stream*, Vol. XXIV, Jan. 29, 1885, pp. 5, 6; Feb. 5, pp. 26, 27; Feb. 12, pp. 44, 45; Feb. 19, p. 65; Feb. 26, p. 84; Mch. 5, p. 104; Mch. 12, pp. 124, 125; Mch. 19, p. 144; Apr. 2, p. 184; Apr. 16, p. 224; Apr. 30, pp. 267, 268; May 7, pp. 288, 289; May 14, p. 307; May 28, p. 347; June 11, p. 387; June 25, p. 427; Vol. XV, July 30, pp. 4, 5; Nov. 12, p. 304; Dec. 3, p. 365.—An elaborately annotated list, containing copious notes on the habits of many of the species mentioned.

1070. *Golden-winged Woodpecker Wintering in Maine.* By Everett Smith. *Ibid.*, Feb. 5, p. 27.

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* Description of a Melanistic Specimen of Buteo latissimus (Wils.). By Robert Ridgway. Proc, U. S. Nat. Mus., 1886, pp. 248, 249. Published Oct. 1886.

† Description of a new Species of the Genus *Empidonax* from Gautemala. Ibis, 1886, pp. 459, 460.

‡ On *Empidochanes furcatus* (Max.) and *Empidonax brunneus* Ridgw. *Ibid.*, pp. 360, 461.

§ On the Species of the Genus *Empidonax*. *Ibid.*, pp. 461-468.

‖ On a Collection of Birds from several little-known Islands of the West Indies. By Charles B. Cory. *Ibid.*, 1886, pp. 471-475.